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Certification of ES&S EVS 5.2.0.0 and Unity 3.4.1.0

Following the successful inspection and testing of both ES&S EVS 5.2.0.0 and Unity 3.4.1.0, the Voting System Review Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Secretary of State certify the systems. Secretary Wyman agreed and has signed the certification for these systems to be used in Washington State. Both systems are modifications to previously certified voting systems.

EVS 5.2.0.0 is a modification to the currently state certified EVS 5.0.0.0 voting system. The EVS 5.2.0.0 voting system adds the ExpressVote universal voting device along with the ExpressVote Previewer to the product suite. Unity 3.4.1.0 contains a slight modification to the Unity 3.4.0.0 voting system, allowing the currently certified components to run on a Windows Operating System.

News from King County | International Delegation Visits Elections

As part of their quest to learn about civil rights in the U.S., a large delegation of international visitors came to King County Elections (KCE) on April 2. Hosted by the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program, the delegation represented 17 countries, from Algeria to Venezuela. Delegates were nominated by the U.S. Embassy as upcoming leaders in their fields. They consisted of judges, attorneys and lawyers from countries as diverse as Croatia, Egypt, Lithuania, Nepal, and Saudi Arabia.

Director Sherril Huff greeted the visitors. Rene LeBeau, KCE's Government Relations Manager and Janine Joly, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, participated in a panel discussion with representatives from the ACLU of Washington, the Tenants Union, and the Refugee Women's Alliance. The discussion included civil rights protections under federal law, including areas such as voting, housing, and refugee rights. Elections-related questions ranged from "What is vote by mail?" to "How do you feel about internet voting?"

Celebrating Best Practices | Cowlitz County

When Cowlitz County receives a **new** online/mail voter registration after the deadline for an election, staff notifies the voter that they still have time to register in person at the Auditor's Office. They call, e-mail, or send a letter to the voter depending on the information provided on their registration. As a result, Cowlitz County receives positive feedback, and voters register in person in time to vote.

Job Announcement | Office of the Secretary of State

We have an opening in the OSOS Elections Division! We are currently recruiting for a full-time [Minority Outreach Specialist](#) to join our Voter Education and Outreach team. The position closes Wednesday, April 8 at 11:59 PM. The complete job description and online application can be found on the [Washington State Careers website](#).

Please feel free to share this announcement with any individuals that may be interested.

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